

# TRADE UNIONISM ITS USE AND ABUSE BY ITS MEMBERS.

### They Have a Great Responsibility--Cannot Be Too Cautious in the Choice of Officers-- A Trade Journal's Views.

National Labor Tribune.  
(Of the benefits of trade unionism there can be no greater boon for the workingman, provided the unions are inspired and directed in accordance with a broad sense of right dealing, and with a due regard for the welfare and interests of the employer. It should not be forgotten that through the use of capital in enterprises often for a time, and perhaps permanently unproductive, labor would have but few opportunities. Nearly every great undertaking has seen thousands, and perhaps millions, of dollars sunk and often lost, before beginning to yield return on the investment. Nearly every manufacturing establishment has witnessed the time when a strike of its workers would have proved a fatal and final blow to a business hovering on the brink between collapse and success.)

The trades unionist, therefore, has a greater responsibility than the execution of a certain sum in wages, or the enforcement of rules of the trade. He may, by untimely demands made at a critical moment, bring destruction upon the establishment which affords support to him and to his family, and to use a homely but expressive phrase—"kill the goose that lays the golden egg."  
It should be but little real satisfaction to a trades unionist to know that he has gained his point, if he has also succeeded in dragging to extinction everything that made the point worth gaining. The story of the Kilkenny cats is interesting, but not as an example to be followed by practical people, whether workmen or employers. The trades unionist who thinks that his main object in life should be to break down employers, paralyze their business, and cut off their sources of income, is a dangerous man, as much an enemy to trades unions as he is to capital, and not to be trusted with any responsible duties in connection with the interests of labor.

The man in whose hands is placed the power to stop the wheels of industry and the flow of that capital which is the life blood of trade, ought to be conservative, careful and deliberate, impartial in judgment, and entirely free from prejudice. He ought to possess qualities of the highest stamanship, and be by nature and disposition a peace-maker, and not a trouble-maker. He should have a fitting estimate of the rights of the employer and the employed, which are the common rights of every citizen, under the laws. Any attempt to override those rights is bound to end in ultimate failure. Any attempt to overcome by violence the protection which the law extends to property and liberty, is certain to bring its own punishment. This lesson has been taught over and over again. It has been a costly lesson, and the trades unionist who has not learned it well is unfit to be invested with the leadership of his fellows.

The harm that has been done by hasty, inconsiderate and unjustifiable strikes is incalculable. The capital has been but a small part of the injury. The workman and his family have been the principal sufferers. And all this misery has been chiefly due to men whose ambition was to pose before the public as leaders, and to exert for self-advertisement and exaltation the power in trusted them for far different purposes.

Trades unions, therefore, if their aim is to carry out the principles of their origin, in securing fair wages, steady employment and reasonable hours for wage-earners cannot be too cautious in the choice of their officers and in their action upon questions at issue between capital and labor. No organization can sustain itself long under the crushing influence of frequent and lasting strikes. The organization is likely to be most prosperous which has no strikes at all, and whose treasury is not depleted by the demands made upon it for strike allowances. The longer a union gets along without strikes the stronger its position, and the more likely it is to be successful in upholding the claims of its members by peaceable means; for there is no stronger weapon of defence of labor's rights than life treasury and a fully employed membership.

Pleasant Valley Visions.  
Pleasant Valley, Feb. 18.—We are encircled with small-pox at Petworth and Wagarville, and scarlet fever at Hartington. Owing to the late snow storm roads have been in a bad condition, and timber traffic has been somewhat delayed. On Friday evening of last week the young people of the surrounding vicinity met at Mr. Watkinson's. Dancing and cards were indulged in till the wee small hours, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Oysters were served at midnight. Visitors: R. J. Barr, Burridge, at his father's; George Barr; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gard; Cole Lake, at George Barr's; Miss Coggan, Kingston, at E. Witty's; Mrs. S. Williams at E. Sigworth's; Earl Hughes at S. Ward's. Misses Helen and Ada Sigworth. A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday evening. The contracting parties were Miss Norah, eldest daughter of E. Husband, and Amos Townsend, of this place. The bride was assisted by Miss B. Kerr, and the groom by his brother, M. Townsend. Many wish them a long and prosperous life. A few friends spent a very pleasant evening at S. Ward's.

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### TRIAL OF THE ICONOCLAST.

Some Things That Really Did Not Happen.  
The Man Who Sheds Gloom and believes that even the appearance of a horsefish is a harbinger of dire portents took a grip of the coat of the Optimist, and proceeded to do an iconoclastic stunt.  
"Ever hear of Pocahontas?"  
"Yes, certainly. Estimable Indian woman, saved life of venturesome mariner, later married him, and hence existence to-day of some of the F. F. V's."  
"No, you're all wrong," said the Gloom Emitter. "Careful research shows us beyond all doubt that Pocahontas did not save the life of John Smith, and evidence has now accumulated that that particular John Smith was the most able-bodied—What's the word? Well, he had Ananias done to 'frizzle'."  
"But, dear man, what about those Virginia families? There they are claiming their descent. Are you going to leave them without ancestry? Leave them as it were, nowhere, suspended like Mohammed's coffin like the Hanging Gardens of Babylon."  
"That's no affair of mine. I'm not going to Virginia. You can go on and tell 'em all about it. But I'm glad you mentioned the Hanging Gardens. Of course, you know that Mohammed never had a coffin. That's all fold-rol. Mohammed was wrapped in palm leaves until he looked like a tamale and laid away without being boxed, and as to that garden gag, why the Hanging Gardens of Babylon did not hang, nor were they gardens. They were terraces supported by arches, and overgrown trees. They were erected for the amusement of a Babylonian king, who had come from a mountainous country."  
The tormentor took a fresh grip on his victim's coat, "it's never too late to hear the truth. I particularly want you to remember these: William Tell did not foun the Swiss confederation, and the story of Gessler has no historic basis."  
"There is no historic authority for the statement that little George Washington cut down the cherry tree."  
The story of King Arthur and his round table is a myth, although what purports to be the round table is still to be seen in a south of England town.  
"The maelstrom is not a whirlpool which sucks ships down into the depths of the ocean. It is an eddy, which in fair weather, can be crossed in safety by any vessel."  
"The Man in the Iron Mask" did not wear a mask of iron. It was black velvet, secured by steel springs."  
"Caesar did not say 'Et tu, Brute.' Eye witnesses to the assassination depicted that he died fighting, but silent, like a wolf."  
"Richard II. was not a hunchback, but a soldier of fine form, some pretensions to good looks and great personal strength."  
"Diogenes never lived in a tub. The story that he did so has no better origin than a comment by a biographer that 'a man so crabbed ought to have lived in a tub like a dog.'"  
There was probably no such man as Romulus. The first historian who mentions him lived at a distance of time so great as to throw extreme discredit on the story.  
"Alexander the Great did not weep for other worlds to conquer. There is no reason to suspect that his army met with a serious reverse in India that induced him to retrace his steps."  
The Pass of Thermopylae was defended not by 300, but at least 7,000 Greeks, or according to Herodotus, 12,000. The 300 were the Spartan contingent, who showed no more bravery than that occasioned their companions in arms from other Greek States.  
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Returned To Manitoba.  
Mountain Grove, Feb. 17.—Robert Canping, after spending several weeks with relatives here, has returned to Carleton Place, Man. Rev. W. H. Clarke, who has been in the city for some time, has returned to his home near Adolphus town. Walton Fox paid a short visit to Westport last week. Our school is progressing under the able management of J. Keeley. Sunday at Mrs. See, Desrochers, at W. Barr's; Miss Gertie Flynn, Kingston, at W. Flynn's; Mrs. E. Fraser, Harrowsmith, at S. Cowdy's.

Cedar Valley Varieties.  
Cedar Valley, Feb. 18.—Roads are in excellent condition. Miss Jennie Rogers is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. H. Pelow, Kingston. Miss Mima Healy, Brockville, is renewing acquaintances in this vicinity. T. K. Rogers is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. A. Padgett, Ottawa. James Ralph and sister, Miss Stella, spent Sunday at Westport. D. R. Rogers returned home after spending the past week at J. McArde's, Sweet's Corners. W. Rogers and W. Adrain spent Sunday evening in Delta, returning by way of Chantigny. Miss Mary Lyons spent Sunday at her home in Newboro. Miss Mary Moran is visiting friends in Toledo. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fleming, Elgin, spent Sunday at Rogers'. Andrew Lyons spent Sunday in Fortin.

The Governor's Wife a Prisoner.  
Mrs. Z. A. Van Liven is the wife of the governor of the county jail, Nanpan, Ont., and was a great sufferer from rheumatism. When the best doctors in the community, "physicists" failed to help her, she beried her scepticism of proprietary remedies, purchased South American Rheumatic Cure, 4 bottles cured her. Sold by H. B. Taylor and H. Wade.—42.

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The waters of the Dead Sea, where no rudder had been seen for centuries, are now being plied by German motor boats.  
The cathedral of Chartres in France contains the most beautiful and the best preserved twelfth century windows in the world.  
About a hundred years ago the use of starch for stiffening the frills round the neck was considered highly reprehensible, if not positively sinful.  
The wives of Siamese noblemen cut their hair so that it sticks straight up from their heads. The average length of it is about one and a half inches.  
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BANK OF FRANCE SALARIES.  
Pay of Managers and Clerks—The Pension Scheme.  
New York Evening Post.  
Consul General Godwy, of Paris, sends to the state department the following interesting information on the internal management of the Bank of France:  
The staff of the Bank of France consists of 1,933 employees at the central office, and 1,241 at the various branches. A candidate for a clerkship must be between the ages of nineteen and thirty years, and pass an examination. There are several schools in which candidates are "coached."  
The salary at first is 2,000 francs (\$347) in Paris and 1,900 francs (\$347) at the provincial branches. Napoleon, when he founded the bank, decreed that the first manager might call himself governor, if he liked, since titles cost nothing, and his salary might be as large as the shareholders pleased—as the bank would pay: "It might even go as high as 60,000 francs" (\$11,850). The business of the bank has increased tenfold since that time, but the manager's salary has not exceeded the limit laid down by Napoleon, and is still, I believe, 60,000 francs (\$11,850); but as the bank is a public company, it is difficult to obtain information regarding the salaries.  
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Looked Like It.  
"Augustus fell through the ice yesterday."  
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